**Appointment of Wards of Deceased Government Servants on Compassionate Grounds**

1457. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the age for appointment on compassionate grounds of the wards of deceased Government Servants has been increased from 14 years to 18 years; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reduce the age for appointment in such cases as it was in the past to mitigate the miseries likely to be caused to the bereaved families as results of the increase?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) Prior to 17-2-88, the lower age-limit of 18 years for entry into Government was relaxable up to 14 years in cases of appointments on compassionate grounds. On 17-2-88 orders were issued to the effect that persons below the age of 18 years should not be considered for such appointments and that if the only person available for employment is a ward below 18 years, he should apply for a job as soon as he attains the age of 18 years. There is no proposal to modify these orders.

**Delay in appointing Vice-Chancellors in Central Universities**

1458. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable delay in appointing the Vice-Chancellors of the Central Universities;

(b) If so, what are the reasons therefor.

(c) waht is the number of senior posts lying vacant at present in the cadre of VCs/Deans in different Central Universities; and

(d) what steps are being taken to fill up the said vacancies without delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The posts of Vice-Chancellors of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Indira Gandhi National Open Universitty, Visva-Bharati and Delhi University fell vacant on 4-10-89, 6-10-89; 1-12-89 and 2-2-90 respectively. Appointments of Vice-Chancellors of Indira Gandhi National Open University, Visva-Bharati and Delhi University have already been made on 27-3-90, 20-4-90 and 10-5-90 respectively

In the case of AMU, the Vice-Chancellor is appointed by the visitor from a panel of at least three persons recommended by the Court from a panel of five persons recommended by the Executive Council. The panel of names recommended by the Executive Council for appoointment of Vice-Chancellor, AMU was considered by the Court and referred back to the Executive Council for reconsideration instead of being referred to the Visitor. Efforts are being made to resolve the dispute arising out of the resolution of the Court and to expedite appointment of new Vice-Chancellor of AMU.

The Deans in Central Universities are appointed by the Executive Council/Vice-Chancellor in accordance with the provisions contained in the Acts and Statutes of the Universities.

**Demolition of Coastal Hotels in Goa**

1459. SHRI JOHN F FERNANDES: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any directives to the Goa Government to demolish coastal hotels/constructions violating the 200 metre ban;

(b) if so, what is the response received in this matter from the State Government; and

(c) if no response has been received, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government informed that necessary action is being taken.

(c) Does not arise.